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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/915,572, filed on July 27, 2001, now allowed, which claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/221,518, filed July 28, 2000.

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for SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM

(title of invention)

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3. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation, division, of application no. , filed .
- 4a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Synthes (USA) on December 3, 2001 at Reel 012337, Frame 0573.
- 7a. ☒ A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/915,572, filed July 27, 2001 is enclosed.
- 7b. ☐ A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Date August 26, 2003

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For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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